

## AT THE CAPITOL

## REPUBLICAN CAUCUS ON THE FEDERAL ELECTION BILL.

## SYNOPSIS OF THE VICIOUS MEASURE.

## An Amalgamation of the Original Lodge and Rowell Bills.

## AN INSTANCE OF BOSS REED'S METHODS

## District Matters Under Consideration

## The Proposed Board of Education.

## Silver in the Senate.

## The Senate non-concurred in the

## House amendment to the bill to establish

## the customs collection district of

## Puget Sound, and a conference asked.

## A message from the House was presented,

## asking further conference on the

## Anti-Trust bill and assented to.

## The House went into Committee on the

## Whole, Mr. Burrows in the chair, on the

## Sundry Civil Appropriation bill.

## District in Congress.

## Representative Burton of the Judiciary

## Sub Committee of the House

## District Committee to-day sent a letter

## to the District Commissioners concerning

## the bill for the relief of James W.

## Walsh and others. "The bill," he says,

## "presents a very complicated

## history of transactions under contracts

## between the old Board of Public Works

## and certain contractors in 1873 and the

## certain years. The committee

## wishes official information as to the

## validity of these claims. The amount

## involved in the bill is some \$120,000.

## The District Commissioners have forwarded

## a letter to the House District Committee

## in response to a request for their

## views upon the bill (H. R. 9531)

## to create a board of education for the

## District. They say that as far as their

## observation has extended they "are

## unable to see what objection could

## be templated by this measure would better

## subserve the public school interests than

## the prevailing system." They add:

## "The management of the public

## schools in the District has proceeded

## thus far during their administration

## without embarrassment, or any indication

## of popular dissatisfaction. If the

## further experience of the Commission-

## ers in the present of the District

## Government should develop defects,

## which, in their judgment, require

## modification of the laws on the subject,

## they will communicate to Congress

## their views as to further legislation." The

## bill was introduced by Mr. Wilson

## of West Virginia, by request.

## It provides for a board consisting of

## three persons, at least one of whom

## shall be a woman, from each of the

## wards, and the board shall have the

## power to employ and discharge

## teachers, and to make and enforce

## regulations for the schools. The

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## visit and inspect the schools, and

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## AN AMUSING ERROR.

## The Fairy Story Which Correspondent

## Wrote About Mr. Blount.

## Last Saturday T. A. Blount of Buf-

## falo registered at Willard's. The alert

## and irrepressible correspondent noted

## the name and place of residence. Soon

## the wires were hot with the intelligence

## that Mr. Blount, once the law partner

## of ex-President Cleveland, was in

## the city; that while he would not

## accept office during his friend's term,

## he was now receiving an appointment as

## one of the appraisers to be ap-

## pointed under the Customs Administra-

## tion law; that he was backed by ex-

## President Cleveland and had a very

## strong letter of introduction from him,

## and, finally, that President Cleveland

## was very strongly inclined towards Mr.

## Blount and would probably appoint

## him.

## A very pretty story, indeed. But the

## fame of ex-President Cleveland's former

## law partner is Wilson Shannon Blount.

## Mr. T. A. Blount is the superintendent

## of the Wagner Car Shops at Buf-

## falo. He had been at Fort Monroe

## in attendance upon a meeting

## of the Master Car Builders' Association,

## and was on his way home. He smiled when

## he was told of the fairy tale which the

## alert and irrepressible correspondent had

## built up about him. It was equal

## in its way to the finest and most elab-

## orate car built in his works. He ad-

## mired it, and was amused by it.

## "I am not an applicant for a

## Government position and I never ex-

## pect to be."

## The two Blounts are only distantly

## related.

## Another Blount from Blair.

## Mr. Blair introduced in the Senate

## a joint resolution requesting the

## President to invite an international

## conference to meet in Washington, with

## a view to the formation of an interna-

## tional alliance for the suppression of

## slavery and the slave trade, the traf-

## fic in intoxicating liquors, fire-arms

## and other articles, and to promote

## the establishment of schools of common

## knowledge, art and industry among

## the civilized peoples, and to secure

## the disarmament of the organization of

## international crime.

## The resolution was laid on the table.

## Mr. Blair giving notice that he would

## address the Senate on it at a future

## date.

## An Instance of Reed's Methods.

## The House Committee on Rules met

## this morning and decided to take up

## the Bankruptcy bill to-morrow. Debate

## will continue until Wednesday after-

## noon, when a vote will be taken.

## An incident happened in relation

## to this meeting which shows Speaker

## Reed's autocratic methods. He sent

## word to Mr. Blount, a member of the

## committee, of the meeting. Before

## Mr. Blount could get there he

## was met by "Joe" Cannon, who

## colloquially told him that "the committee"

## had done and gave Blount permission

## to tell Mr. McMillin, the fifth member

## of the committee, about it.

## Talk of the rights of minority? As

## far as this committee is concerned its

## chairman, the Speaker, doesn't seem to

## be aware that there is any minority.

## District Man Appointed Consul.

## The President to-day sent to the Sen-

## ate the nomination of Joseph E. Hay-

## den of the District of Columbia to be

## U. S. Consul at Brest and some Army

## promotions.

## Favoring the Transfer.

## Mr. Dawes introduced in the Senate

## to-day a resolution of W. L. Holman

## Pastor No. 1, G. A. R., at New Bedford,

## Mass., favoring the transfer of the

## revenue cut service to the Navy.

## A Boom for Banks.

## Mr. Dawes presented to the Senate

## to-day a petition from the members of

## the Senate and House of Representa-

## tives of the Commonwealth of Massa-

## chusetts asking the appointment and

## renewal of Nathaniel P. Banks as a

## major-general.

## The Press Prayed For.

## In his prayer at the opening of the

## session of the House this morning the

## acting Chaplain, Rev. J. H. Cuthbert,

## prayed for "the members of the press."

## There is a widespread opinion that they

## need praying for quite as much as

## "those in authority," or even members

## of Congress.

## Want the Monument.

## Mr. Turple to-day presented to the

## Senate the resolution and memorial of

## the Republican Convention of the Ninth

## Indiana Congressional District in favor

## of erecting a monument at the Tippecanoe

## battle grounds.

## Mr. Shriver's Secret Mission.

## Mr. John S. Shriver, the genial and

## accomplished correspondent of the New

## York Mail and Express, will leave

## Washington on Saturday, the 21st in-

## stant, for New York, whence he sails

## on the following Wednesday, the 23d.

## There is a rumor afloat that he goes

## on a mission for Colonel Elliott F.

## Shepherd, the editor of the Mail and

## Express, and that he will visit Blair.

## If so, Mr. Shriver himself doesn't

## know what it is about. Doubtless he

## will sail with sealed instructions, out to

## be opened until he is a thousand miles

## from land.

## Juvenile Thieves.

## Two boys have been detected stealing

## from Smith &amp; Wardwell of the Boston

## Variety Store. Their names are Foley

## and Jackson. They were discovered

## stealing a pair of "bats" or other sum-

## mers, and acknowledged they had been

## pilfering for the last twelve months.

## The cases will be thoroughly investi-

## gated.

## Representative Culbertson Recovered.

## Congressman Culbertson of Texas,

## who has been sick for the past few days,

## was recovered. He is said to have

## been in the city for the last few days,

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